

REPORTEDLY LINKED TO 'TERRORISTS', CHICAGO JUDGE THREATENS TV REPORTER",
by Sherman H. Skolnick 11/8/01

Is a long-time court-reformer/TV reporter supposed to know about EVERY judge he comes across? I have been a court-reformer since 1958 and part of a weekly non-commercial TV program since 1991. Since 1995, I have been the moderator/producer of the program called "Broadsides", a public access Cable TV show. I cannot be expected to know every judge. After all, in the Chicago-area, for example, there are hundreds of judges.

I came to court on October 29, 2001, in litigation involving an associate of mine, Joseph Andreuccetti who assists with the production of our show in Chicago. I was there as his paralegal, to take notes, and also as an alternative media reporter.

Maybe I should have been immediately suspicious when the Judge, Samuel Betar III [(312) 603-4371], threatened me, apparently to jail me, if I didn't stop taking notes. He shouted and hollared at me, demanding I go to the rear of the courtroom. I was alarmed when the judge threatened to also jail Joe and he had a heart attack.

What was going on here? Understand something. I am a paraplegic in a wheelchair and Joe and his wife Noemi often drive me where I have to go and assist me at my residence. I tried in court to wheel over to where Joe took ill, and the Judge hollared at me and threatened me again. I told the Judge to stop falsely threatening to jail Joe, since I depend on him. The Judge would not permit me to go over to see what happened to Joe.

Paramedics along with about six armed guards arrived and took Joe away on a stretcher. I was not allowed to accompany him or to find out rightaway what was going on.

My subsequent investigations uncovered plenty about Judge Samuel Betar III. Later was filed a Motion to try to force the removal of Judge Betar from the case, to stop him from falsely threatening to jail me and Joe. Filed in support of that motion are my signed statements of what I uncovered. From the court record are verbatim what is stated, numbered as they are there

1. I understand this this instrument under [citing Illinois law], has the same force and effect as if it were an Affidavit sworn to before a notary public.
2. I am a traditional Jew, of the Jewish race and religion. My associates Joseph Andreuccetti and Noemi Andreuccetti are perceived by their opponents and enemies as being partly Jewish.
3. Judge Samuel Betar III is closely aligned, including financial, with Suhail "Steven" Al-Masri who is the Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of the Al-Salam Newspaper, which has been circulated in the Chicago area and elsewhere."

4. Said Newspaper was operated at 8150 W. 111th Street, Suite 11, Palos Hills, Illinois, which was the offices of "Steven".

5. Said newspaper has published what those of the Jewish race and religion perceive as vicious anti-Jewish and anti-Israel propaganda, calculated to slander and defame those of the Jewish race and religion.

6. "Steven" has been the purported owner of an airplane pilots training school which has likewise been headquartered at 8150 W. 111th Street, Suite 11, Palos Hills, Illinois. Law enforcement personnel have been surveilling "Steven" because, they contend, his school has been used by purported "terrorists" who apparently had and have been planning to seize U.S. commercial airplanes for the purpose of sabotage and violence to be inflicted on U.S. persons and properties."

7. Part of law enforcement and other government surveillance of "Steven" has also included Judge Samuel Betar III, who is financially and otherwise closely aligned with "Steven" according to such government personnel.

8. According to covert surveillance, "Steven" received numerous calls from topmost officials in the Springfield office of Illinois Governor George H. Ryan. Because of the close relationship of "Steven" with Judge Samuel Betar III and they, in turn, with Governor Ryan, law enforcement personnel contend they are precluded from taking any action against either "Steven" or Judge Betar, or both, jointly. Further, "Steven" has been photographed with Illinois Governor George H. Ryan."

9. "Steven" has been the owner of Royal Financial Group, Inc., headquartered at 8150 W. 111th Street, Suite 11, Palos Hills, Illinois. Law enforcement personnel contend that said business is, in part, an apparent front for clandestine dealings with a Foundation in Bridgeview, Illinois[a Chicago suburb], identified by the U.S. Attorney General and the U.S. Department of the Treasury, as being a purported "terrorist" linked organization and enterprise, funneling funds in the U.S. and to the Mid-East and elsewhere for purported "terrorist" activities directed against U.S. citizens and properties."

[Clarification Although "Steven" claims to have been the owner of Royal Financial Group, Inc., the apparent clandestine dealings were reportedly done through other of his companies with other different names, as a front.]

10. As part of activities to promote their front enterprises, as aforementioned, "Steven" and Judge Samuel Betar III have two slide photographs posted on his and/or their, website, <http://www.noribahomes.com>. Said photographs appear to have been taken inside the judicial offices of Judge Samuel Betar III for the purpose of promoting their joint businesses and financial activities. Copies of said photographs, reproduced from said website, are attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit One." [The said website-reproduced photographs are in the court record attached to my signed statement and show "Steven" and Judge Betar.]

11. Law enforcement personnel assert they are precluded from taking action against Judge Samuel Betar III and Suhail "Steven" Al-Masri, despite law enforcement

contentions that "Steven" and Judge Betar appear to be Chicago-area links to Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaeda network.

12. According to those who know him well, "Steven" went low-profile, if not totally disappearing, prior to the purported "terrorist" violence on September 11, 2001, directed against lower Manhattan and the Pentagon. Law enforcement personnel contend they would want to interview him as to his activities including with Judge Betar and the airplane pilots training school, as aforementioned. "Steven's" apparent dropping out of sight tends to support law enforcement contentions that "Steven" with his aforementioned activities has something to conceal, along with Judge Betar."

13. Both Judge Samuel Betar III and "Steven" have been in a position to note that Sherman H. Skolnick has a popular website where he often comments on activities in the U.S. for and on behalf of Osama bin Laden, the bin Laden group, and similar persons and groups linked to them. Skolnick's website is <http://www.skolnicksreport.com>."

14. As stated in Skolnick's prior [court-filed papers], Judge Betar impliedly sought to falsely jail Skolnick, a paraplegic in a wheelchair and to seek to falsely jail Skolnick's close associate Joseph Andreuccetti who was caused to have a heart seizure in the process of the Judge seeking to falsely jail Joseph Andreuccetti.

15. As stated herein, the matters here are to be considered as a supplement to the [prior court papers]. If he thinks he can get away with it, Judge Betar would again, as a reprisal, seek to falsely jail Joseph Andreuccetti and Sherman H. Skolnick."

16. As stated in the prior [court-filed papers], Skolnick was the paralegal accompanying Joseph Andreuccetti on October 29, 2001, for the purpose of sitting nearby to the proceedings so that Skolnick could hear what was occurring and take notes. Judge Betar, under the sham and pretense of law, interfered with and blocked Skolnick from taking notes, which were necessary since no official court reporter was present. Skolnick understands that the doings of Judge Betar, to block Skolnick from taking notes of the proceedings, are offenses by Judge Betar made actionable against Betar by 42 U.S.C.A. Section 1983 et seq. [The Federal Civil Rights Acts, used to sue State officials for wrongful conduct.] Judge Betar and "Steven" harbor a deep grudge and deep prejudice against Skolnick and Joseph and Noemi."

17. Under these circumstances, no reasonable person could expect Sherman H. Skolnick, a traditional Jew, and Joseph and Noemi Andreuccetti perceived as partly Jewish, to be fairly dealt with in the courtroom of Judge Samuel Betar III. Judge Betar, under the sham and pretense of judicial authority, has used his judicial power to terrorize Joseph Andreuccetti and his close associate Sherman H. Skolnick. This is a reprisal for Skolnick's comments, assisted by Joseph Andreuccetti, on Skolnick's television program as well as his website."

18. It is no answer that law enforcement has the power as aforementioned to take action against Judge Samuel Betar III and his close associate "Steven"; and that such law enforcement personnel are precluded from doing so because of political and other

considerations permitting Betar and "Steven" to act with impunity against the public safety and interest, and against Sherman and Joseph." [End of Court document, in Case No. 97 M1-132033, pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Municipal Department, First District].

Notice these further strange connections. Judge Samuel Betar III is an immediate family member of Samuel Betar once law partner to David Schippers, former federal prosecutor and Chicago lawyer, and Special Counsel to the House Impeachment of Clinton Committee. Perceived by some as a long-time CIA operative calculated to blackmail Clinton and others, Schippers was assigned to the Impeachment position by then House Judiciary Committee Chairman, Cong. Henry Hyde (R., Ill.) As we have pointed out in several previous stories, Hyde at the same time has been secretly head of the CIA's "Black Budget" for dirty tricks including political assassinations. By the way, under the Separation of Powers provision of the U.S. Constitution, it is unconstitutional for Hyde to wear two such hats at the same time. Called "Uncle Henry", Hyde supervised the CIA's dope importing into the Southern states, including through the CIA airport at Mena, Arkansas. He was boss, of sorts, of those running the dope/gun smuggling operation, including Bill Clinton, George Herbert Walker Bush, and Ollie North.

On talk radio, David Schippers contends that through his close contacts in the FBI, that he found out there was "terrorist" violence expected in lower Manhattan. Schippers says he has proof he tried, in vain, to force prior proper action by the new U.S. Attorney General and likewise by the Bush White House about a month before September 11, 2001. They did not want to know, Schippers says, and instead his FBI friends are facing reprimands for having tried to alert the higher ups at FBI. [Notice the related item from BBC, reported by the Times of India, 11/7/1, based on secret FBI documents, "Bush Told FBI to 'Back Off' Investigating bin Laden Family".

Questions with no immediate answers Is America's secret political police, the FBI, supposedly running after "terrorists", going to do anything about U.S. public officials apparently linked to "terrorists"? And what is the head judge of that part of the Cook County Court system going to do, if anything, about what has been set forth? I brought the matters, as stated herein, directly to the attention of Judge Jacqueline P. Cox{312) 603-6132], head of the Municipal Department, First District, of Cook County Circuit Court.

It seems like the bench and the bar conduct their dirty business quite a bit with blackmail and even terrorist-style threats. Are there reportedly "terrorist" linked judges where you are? If so, WHO, if anyone, is going to do something about it?

Stay tuned.